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For : A METHOD OF PREVENTING AND TREATING  
BACTERIAL INFECTION OF SUTURES AND  
PROSTHETIC DEVICES, AND PROMOTING INGRESS OF  
LEUKOCYTES INTO TUMOR FOCI

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Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
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AND §1.27(d) AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

A filing fee of \$1,620.00 was originally paid in connection with the filing of the above-identified patent on October 22, 1998. The corresponding fee for a small entity is \$810.00. The deadline for making a request for refund is two months after the October 22, 1998 filing date, i.e., December 22, 1998. All rights in the United States under this application are either assigned or licensed to a small entity and this request is being timely made. A refund in the amount of \$810.00 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a). This refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 03-3125 under Docket No. 48940-A-PCT-US.

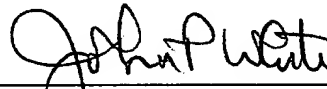
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official of the entity who has rights in the subject application,  
namely, The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New  
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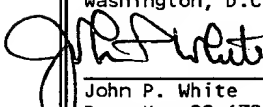
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